

REMARKS

Replacement drawing sheets and a marked up copy for FIGs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 are provided to overcome the Examiner's objection. Reference signs have been added. The Specification has been amended to include these reference characters to overcome the Examiner's objection to the Specification.

Claims 1, 11, 22-25 are amended to require the heat map to be two dimensional and the solution stack to be three dimensional. Support is found in Applicant's Specification, page 18, lines 19-22. No new matter is entered.

Claim 6 is amended to require the four strategies listed on page 9, line 27 to page 10, line 1 of the Specification. No new matter is entered.

Claims 10 and 21 are amended to remove the superfluous article "an" as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has objected to claims 8, 10, 19, and 21 because Applicant recites a Markush grouping in the alternative form using the conjunction "or". Applicant respectfully wishes to point out that the alternative form properly uses the conjunction "or". See *Landis on Mechanics of Patent Claim Drafting*, Fourth Edition, PLI, New York, \$50, second paragraph.

"Rather than using 'selected from the group consisting of,' one can simply list the group members, with 'or' preceding the final member."

Accordingly Applicant has not amended claims 10 and 21, and respectfully requests the Examiner to either withdraw this objection, or provide further explanation.

Claims 8 and 19 have been amended to remove the comprising recitation.

The amending of claims 6, 8, and 19 above overcomes their rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Regarding rejection of claims 10 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, see above explanation of the alternative Markush recitation.

Claims 23-25 are amended above to more clearly point out that the claims are method claims by including the recitation of "the steps of" as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 22 is amended above to recite the limitations in a conventional Beauregard form. Such amending overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-13, 17-18, and 20-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Northcott

(U.S. 2003/0167198) in view of Lindsay-Scott (U.S. 2004/0117234).

Regarding claim 1 as amended above, neither Northcott nor Lindsay-Scott describe or suggest the step of filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components. Northcott describes in [0008] selecting a potential target task but does not describe forming a two dimensional heat map of selected components.

Also, neither Northcott nor Lindsay-Scott describe or suggest building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations as required by Applicant's amended claim 1. Lindsay-Scott describes in [0021] a business case development component service taking a proposed content improvement initiative and developing a cost-benefit justification for it as a project, with a vision of how the preferred solution will work in a business context, risk management and an implementation plan. This is not what claim 1 requires. It does not describe building a three dimensional solution stack using the two dimensional heat map because no two dimensional heat map is described or suggested in either Northcott or Lindsay-Scott. It does not describe using the attributes of claim 1, and it does not describe using the collaborations of claim 1.

Consequently, claim 1 as now amended is allowable over the combination of Northcott with Lindsay-Scott.

Independent claims 11 and 22 are likewise allowable for the same reasons.

All of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on these allowable claims and are also allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and allowance of all of the pending claims as amended above.

The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707, 707.07(d) and 707.07(j) in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annotated Replacement sheet

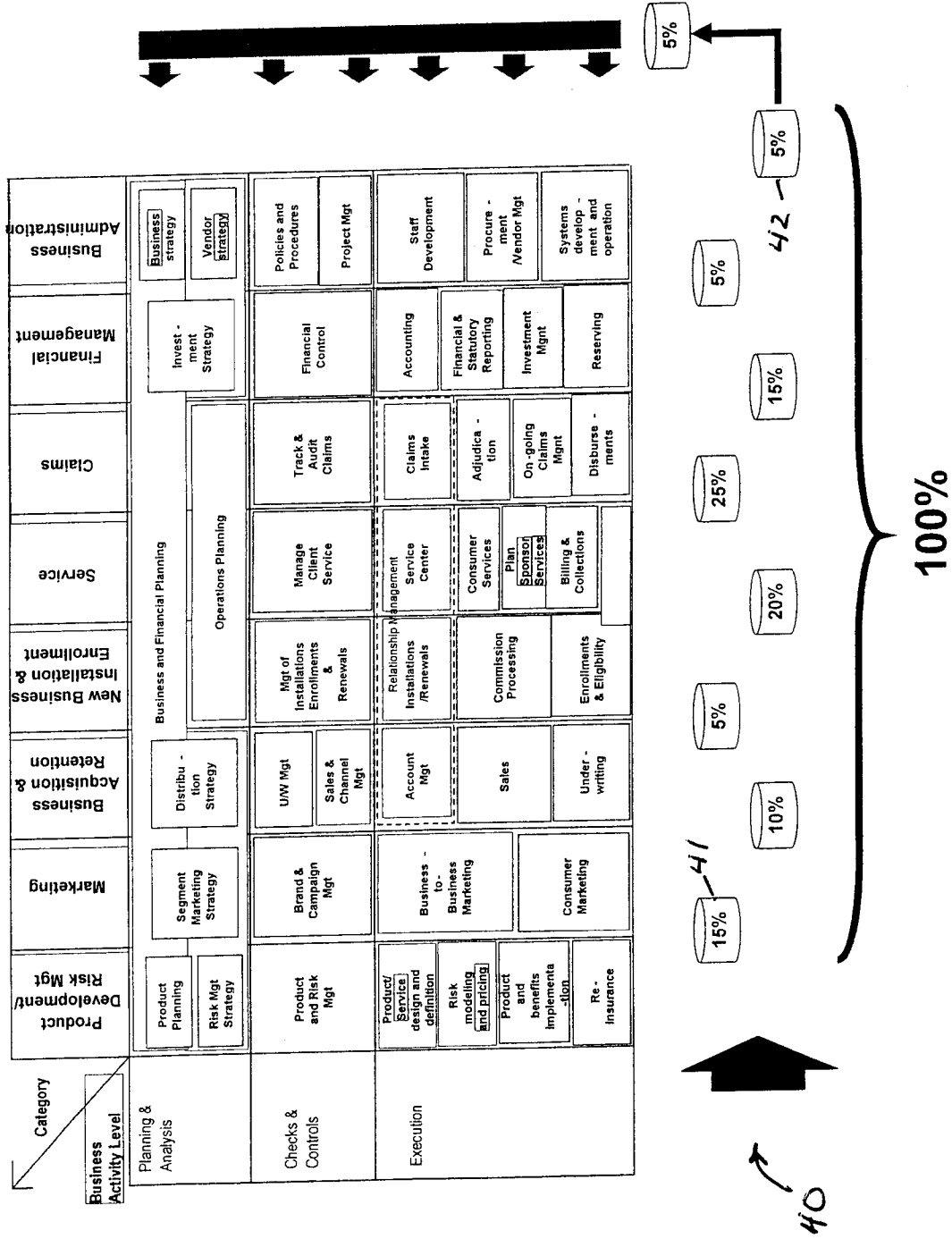
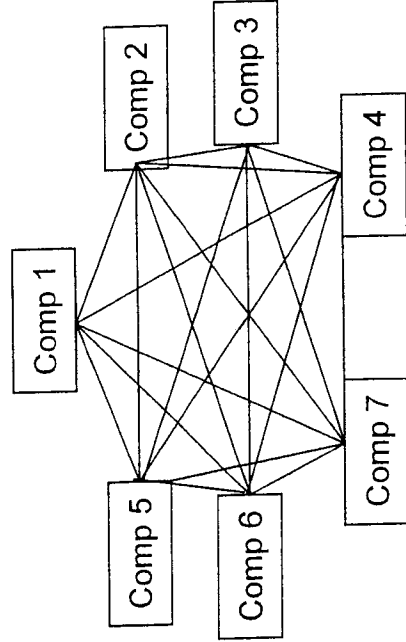


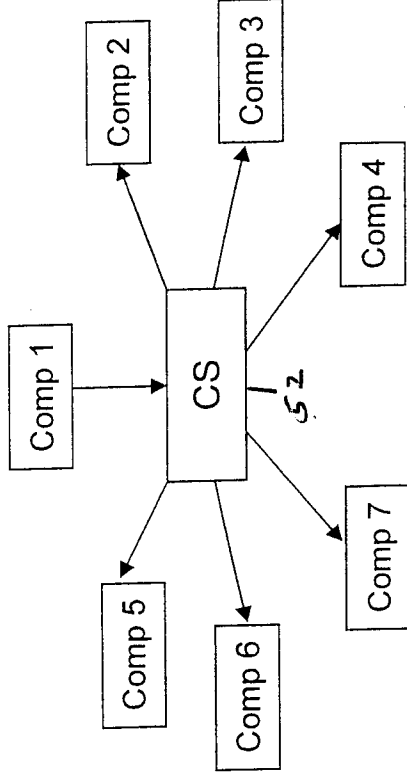
FIG. 3

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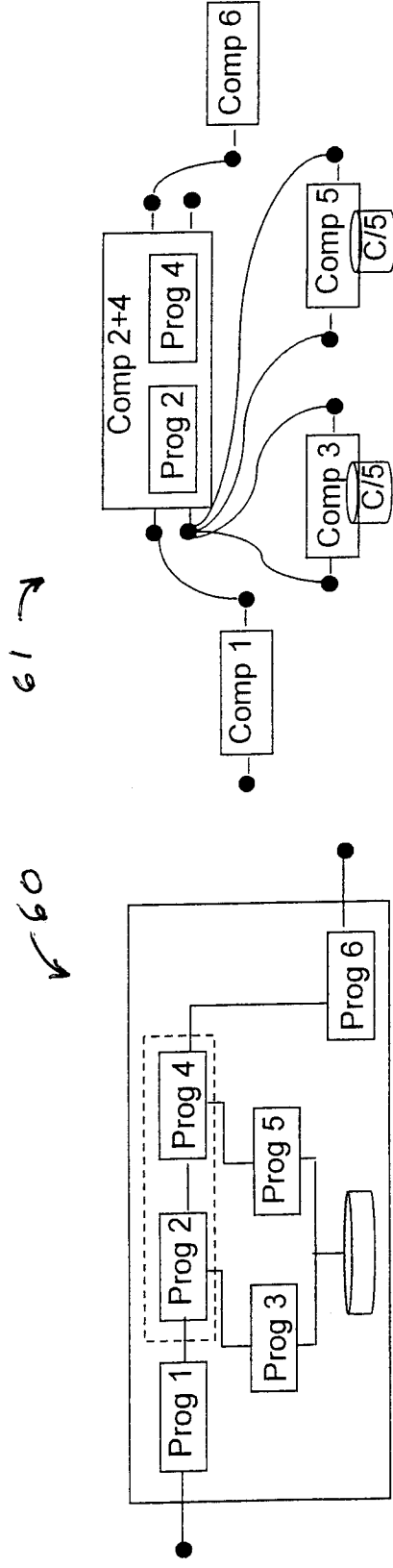
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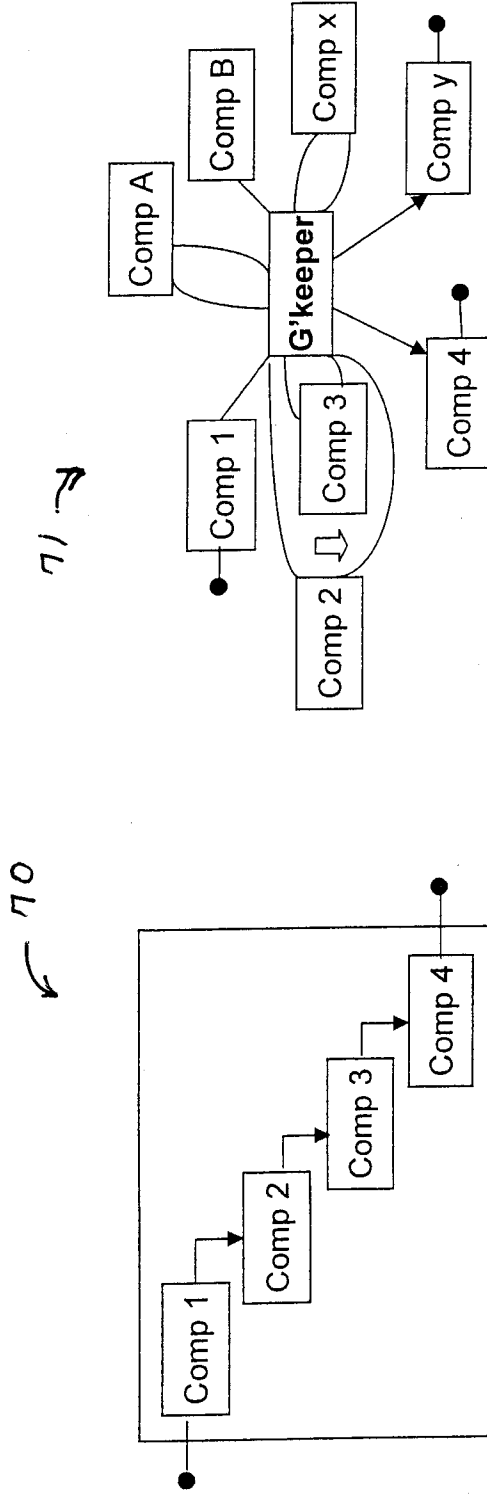
FIG. 4



1 end to end transaction

5 decoupled capabilities
(2 consolidation servers shown)

FIG. 5



1 Business Event = 1 Business Process

1 Business Event = 3 Processes

FIG. 6